

Name _____

Sound Smart Challenge Answer Key

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| 1. an octopus | 6. an apple |
| 2. an umbrella | 7. an old |
| 3. a uniform | 8. a pencil |
| 4. an eagle | 9. a one-eyed |
| 5. a sandwich | 10. a treasure |

Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Students practice applying the **sound rule** for choosing between **a** and **an**, focusing on listening for vowel or consonant sounds rather than spelling.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For **emerging learners**, emphasize beginning sounds orally before students read the sentences.
 - For **advanced learners**, add exceptions (e.g., "an hour," "a unicorn") and ask why spelling can be misleading.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read each sentence aloud as a **class listening game**, having students hold up cards labeled "A" or "An."
 - Turn it into a **speed round** where students race to circle the correct article as the teacher reads aloud.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students **write their own five sentences** using both articles correctly.
 - Ask them to **underline** the word that helps them decide which article to use and explain their reasoning.